WEAR BEHAVIOUR OF CO-BASED ALLOYS FOR HIGH-TEMPERATURE APPLICATIONS

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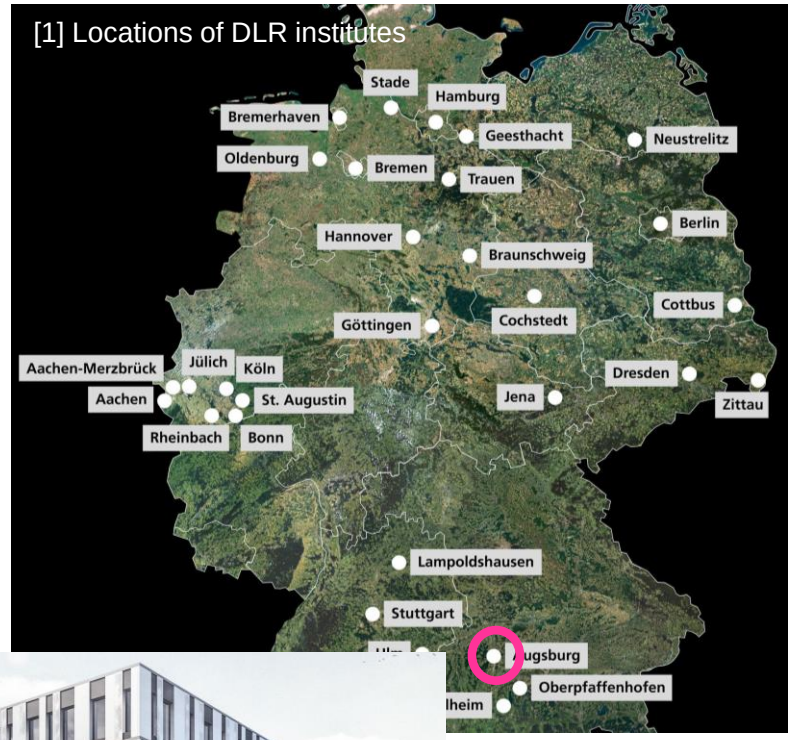

[1] Locations of DLR institutes

Institute of Test and Simulation of Gas Turbines

- Located in Augsburg, Southern Germany
- Founded in 2017
- ~ 50 employees


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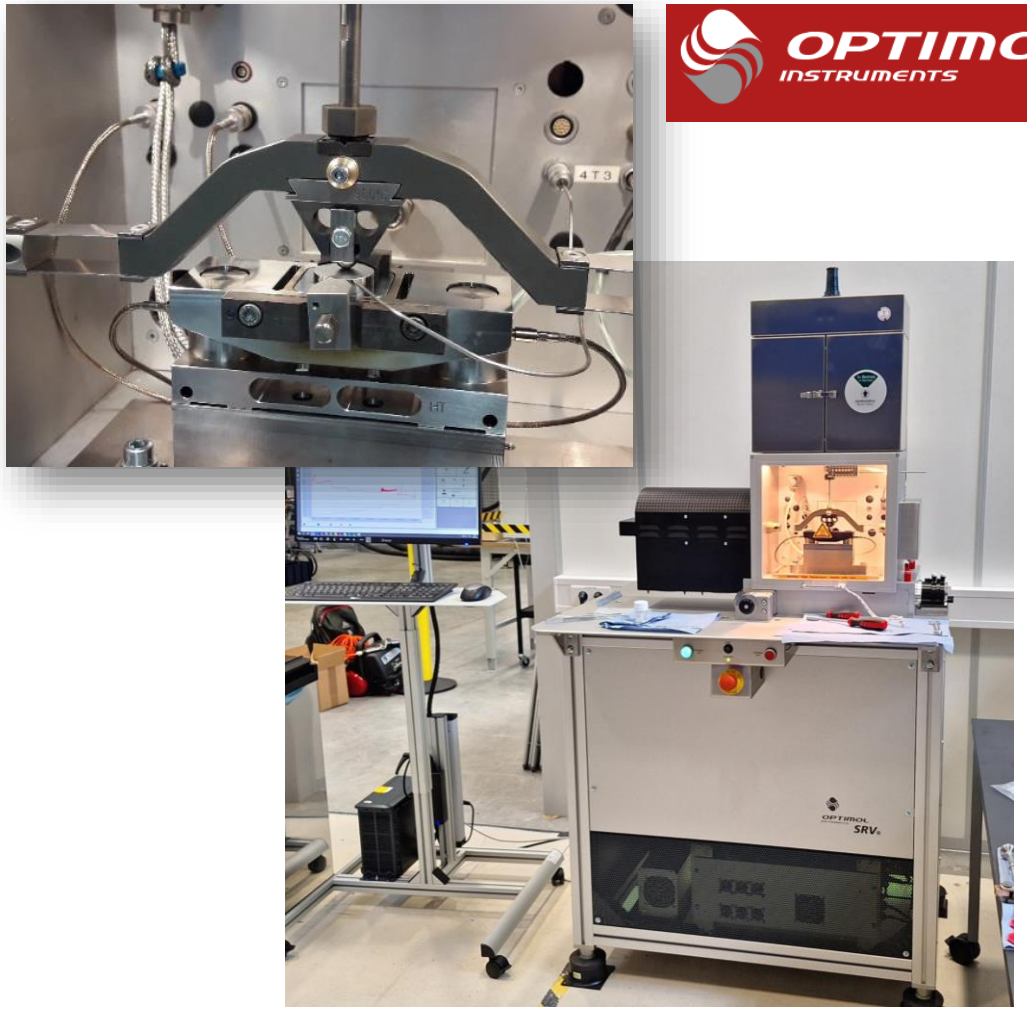
Tribology

Tribology under harsh conditions

- SRV5 by Optimol Instruments
- fretting and wear up to 1000 °C
- simultaneous application of synthetic combustion gas: O_2, SO_2, NO_x, H_2O-vapour

Applications

- HT-materials relevant for gas turbines (Ni-alloys, SiC/SiC)
- materials employed in adjacent components (coatings)



test stand SRV5® at DLR Augsburg

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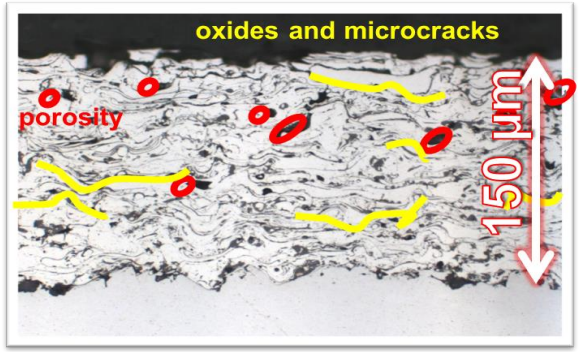
Co-based alloys
Motivation

Behavior at high temperature

- superior resistance to wear above ~ 400 °C
  - (1) transient oxidation → mixed oxide film
  - (2) formation of Cr-oxide layer
  - (3) removal of oxide and compaction of debris
  - (4) diffusion of Co and Mo to surface
  - (5) breakdown and formation of oxide films and further diffusion -> uniform distribution of elements in compacted oxide film

Does the manufacturing process have an influence on the wear behaviour?



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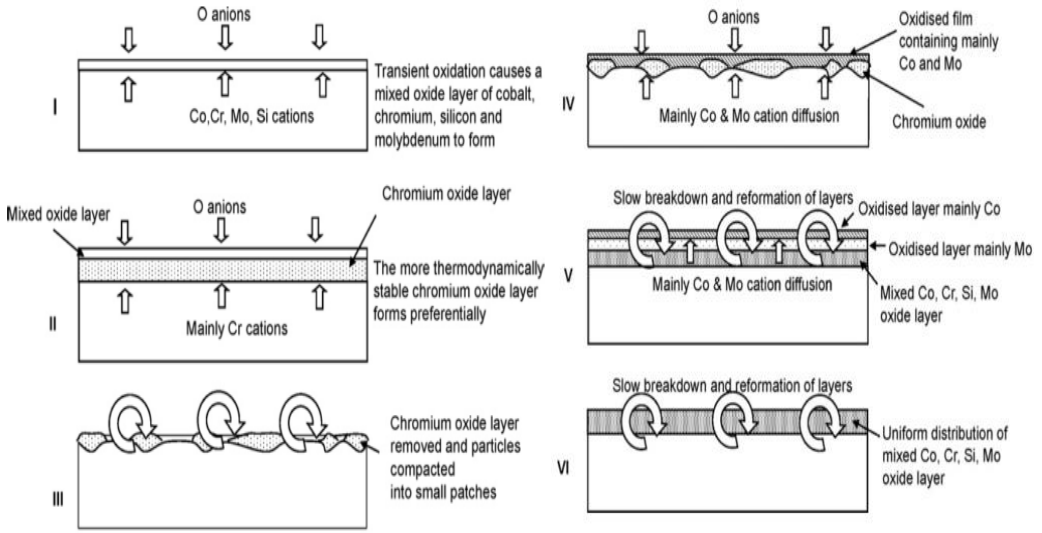


[2] Wood et. al.; Wear 2010; Investigation into the wear behaviour of Tribaloy 400C during rotation as an unlubricated bearing at 600 °C

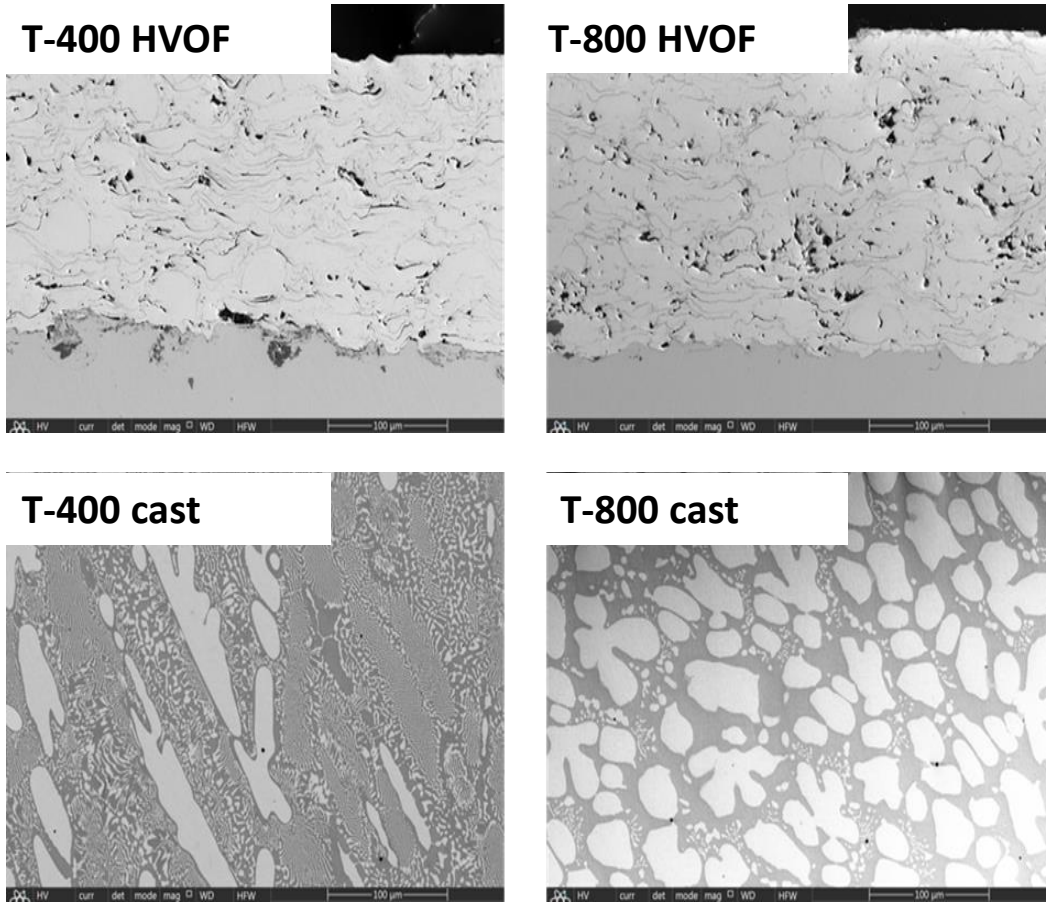
Experimental methods

Materials

- T800 & T400

alloy	type	Co [wt%]
T800	CoMoCrSi	51-53
T400	CoMoCrSi	61-63

- HVOF-sprayed & cast
- cylinder / flat contact



Cross-sections of T-800 and T-400 [P.Beau]

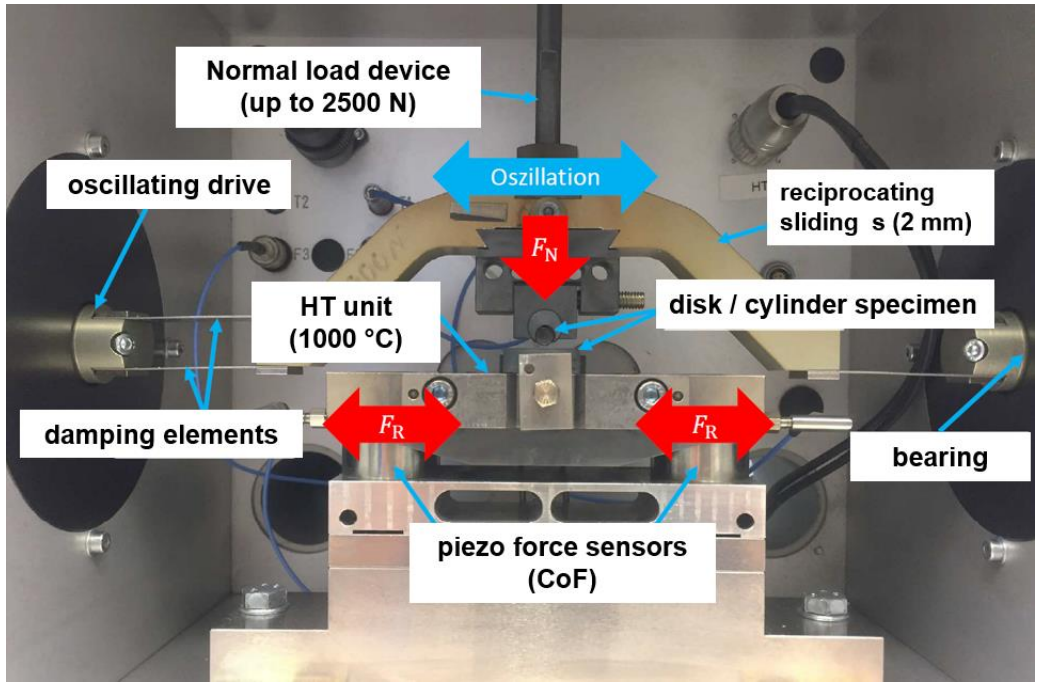
Experimental methods

Wear tests - SRV4

- normal load: 20 - 100 N
- test frequency: 5 Hz
- sliding distance: 2 mm
- test duration: 1 - 18 h
- temperature: 25 - 800 °C

Characterisation

- measurement of wear volume
- SEM, EDX



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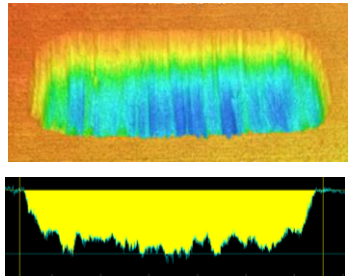
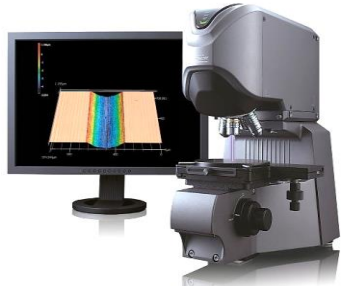
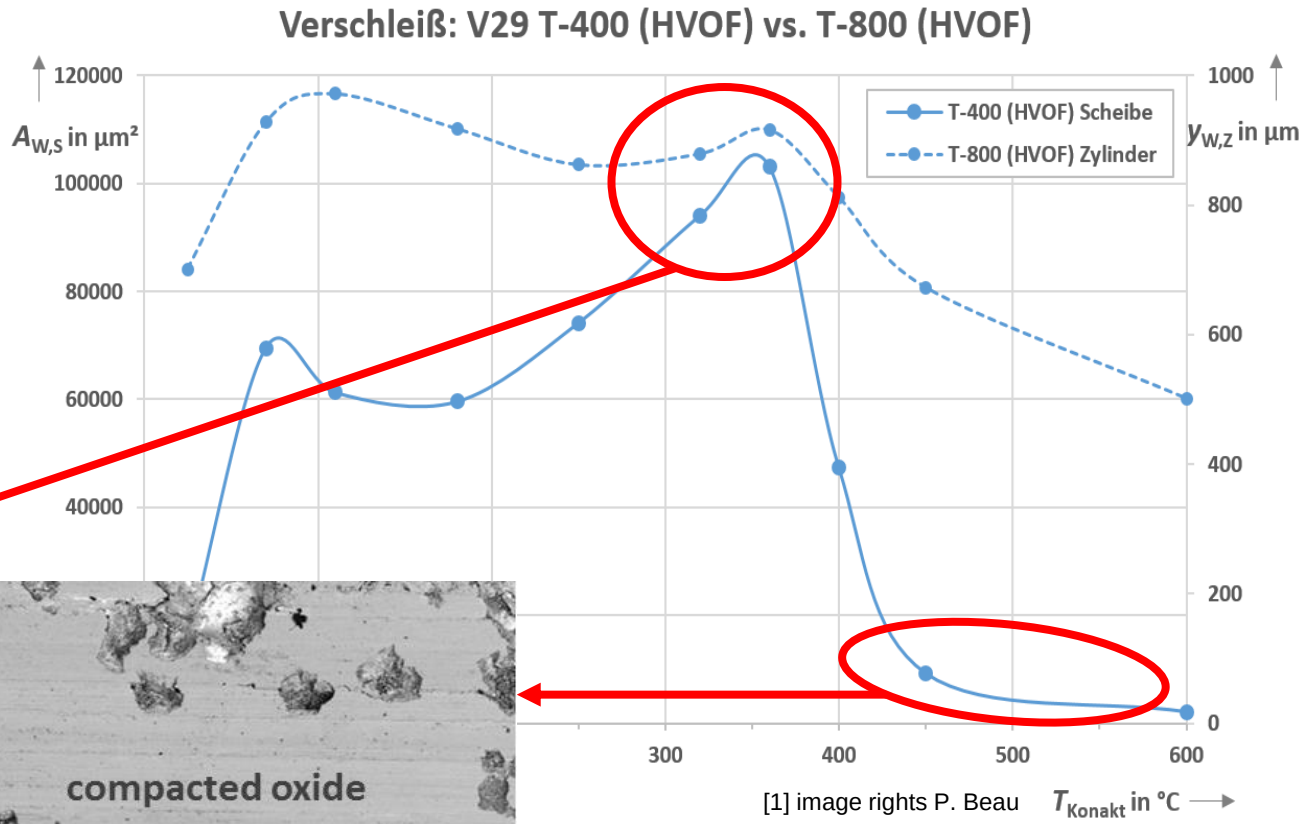




Results
Temperature effects

- temperature dependency
- low / zero wear if $T_{contact}$ > 450 °C
- reason: formation of glaze layer



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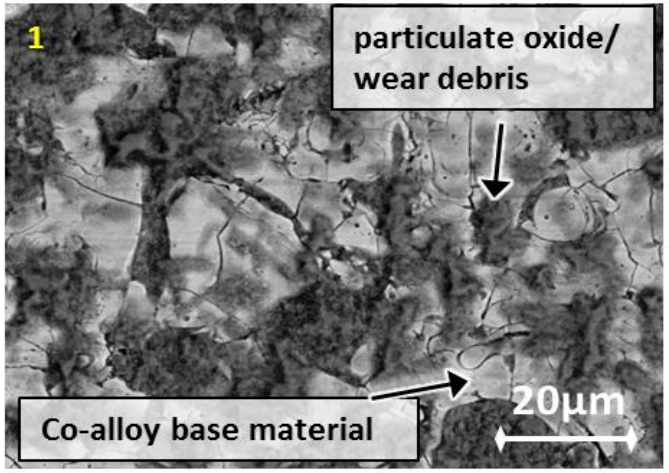

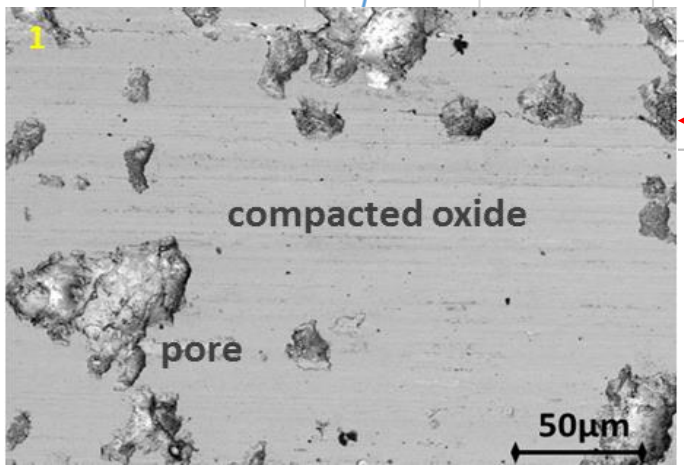

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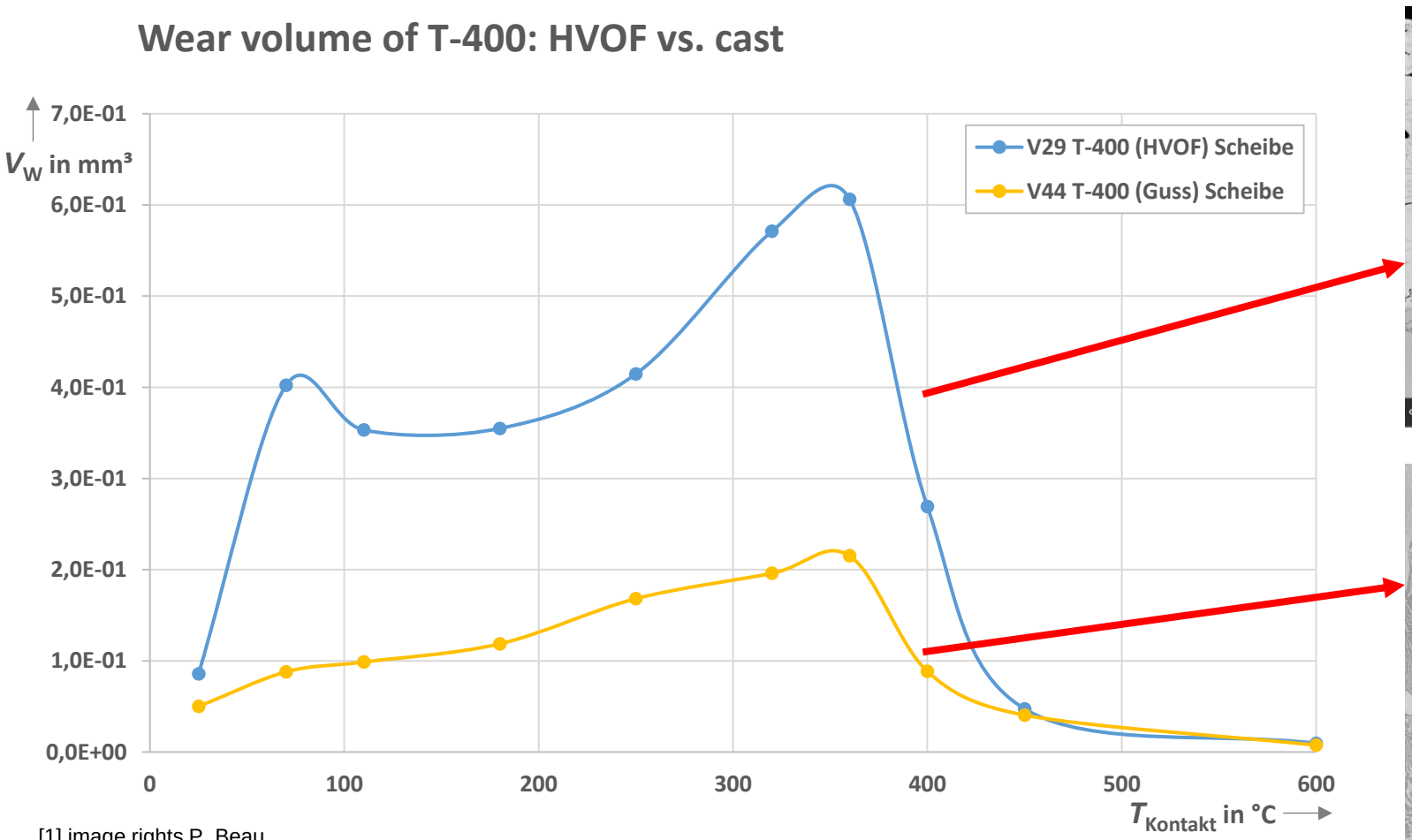
Results
Effect of manufacturing process



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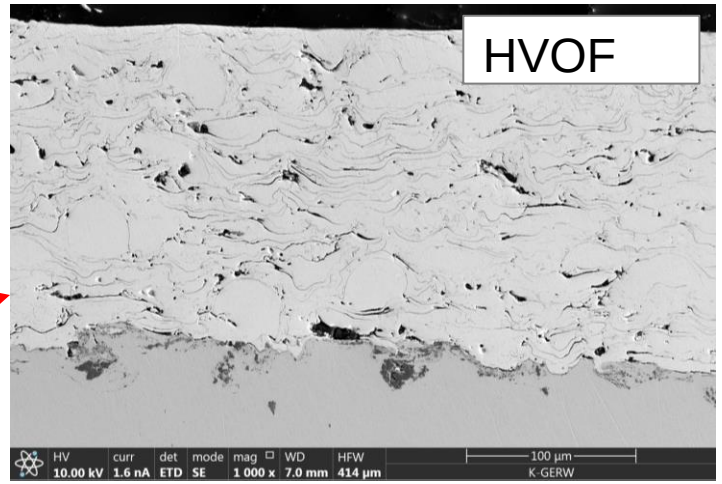
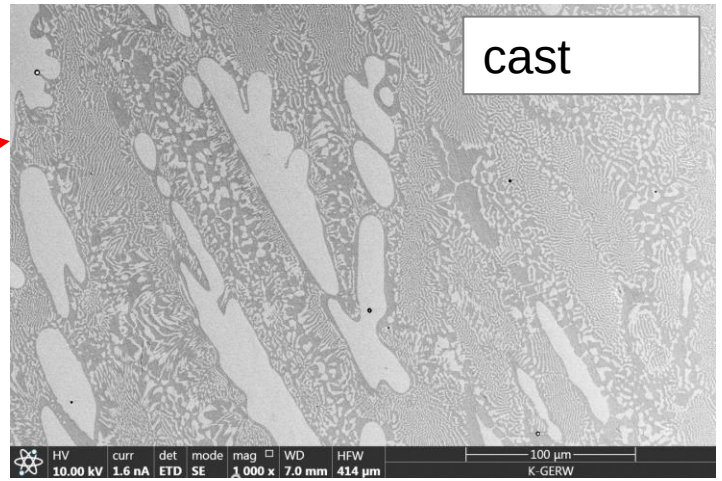




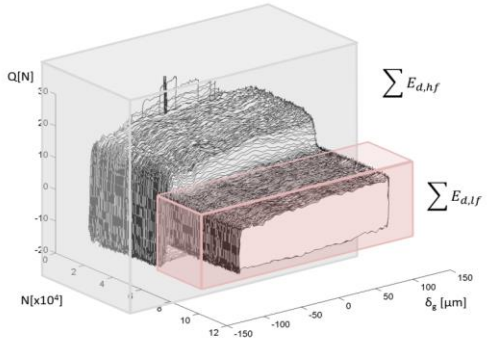
Results
Composite wear law

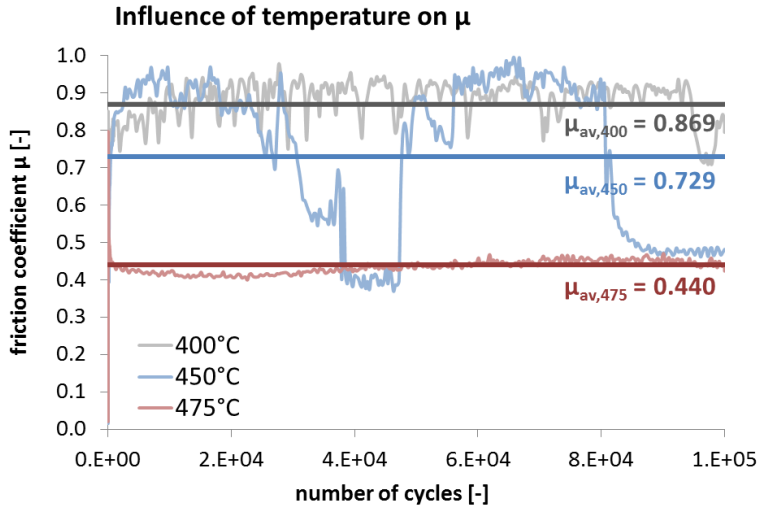
Friction coefficient

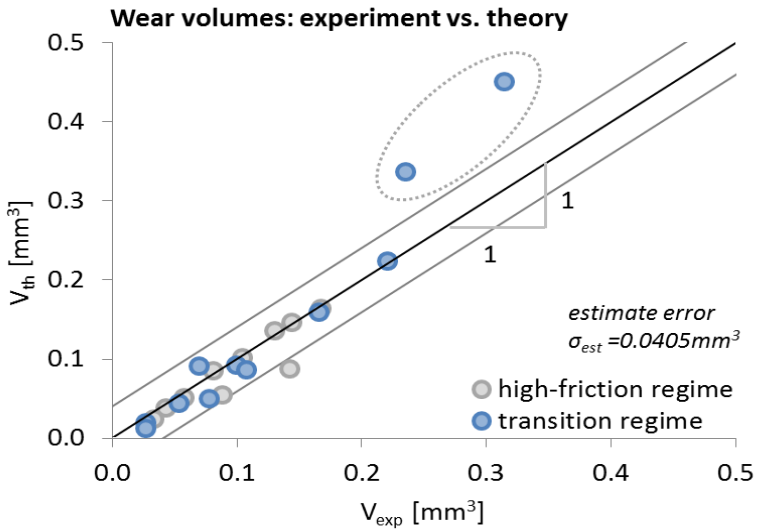
- modified Archard approach
- assumption: upon formation of compacted oxide, dissipated energy no longer contributes to wear process
- wear volume predicted for both high-friction and transition domain

$$E_d(i) = \begin{cases} E_d(i) \; if \; \mu > 0.6 \\ 0 \; if \; \mu < 0.6 \end{cases}$$

$$V = \alpha \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{N} E_d = \alpha \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{N} \int_{-\delta}^{\delta} Q_i(\delta) d\delta$$







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Summary & Outlook

Summary

- significant influence of manufacturing process on wear behaviour of Co-based alloys

  → tailored solutions for industrial applications

- description of wear over entire temperature possible using an energetic approach

Outlook

- correlation to micro/macro hardness and elastic properties
- influence of corrosive medium

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